

ORDER OF COMMISSION

In the matter of Objection No. 001 filed by Road Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 669, on March 27, 2008, to Annual Wage Order No. 15, pertaining to the wage rate for the occupational title of Sprinkler Fitter in the Missouri County of Boone – Section 010, issued by the Division of Labor Standards, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; filed with the Secretary of State: March 10, 2008.

On March 10, 2008, a certified copy of Annual Wage Order No. 15 containing the initial determination of the prevailing hourly wages in each locality for each occupational title was filed with the Missouri Secretary of State. On March 27, 2008, an objection thereto was filed by Road Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 669 regarding the county of Boone.

At any time within thirty days after the certified copies of the determinations have been filed with the secretary of state and the department, any person who is affected thereby may object in writing to a determination or a part thereof that he deems objectionable by filing a written notice with the department, stating the specific grounds of the objection. If no objection is filed, the determination is final after thirty days.

Section 290.262.3 RSMo (2000).

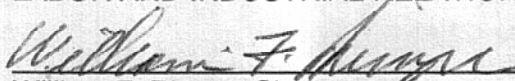
Section 509.030 RSMo (2000) requires that all pleadings to be signed. Under section 484.010.1, the practice of law includes the "drawing of papers, pleadings or documents or the performance of any act in such capacity in connection with proceedings pending or prospective before any . . . commission[]"

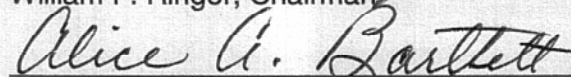
"The law recognizes the right of natural persons to act for themselves in their own affairs, although the acts performed by them, if performed by others, would constitute the practice of law. A natural person may present his own case in court or elsewhere, although he is not a licensed lawyer. A corporation is not a natural person. It is an artificial entity created by law. *Being an artificial entity it cannot appear or act in person.* It must act in all its affairs through agents or representatives. *In legal matters, it must act, if at all, through licensed attorneys.*" *Clark v. Austin*, 340 Mo. 467, 478 (Mo. 1937) (Emphasis added).

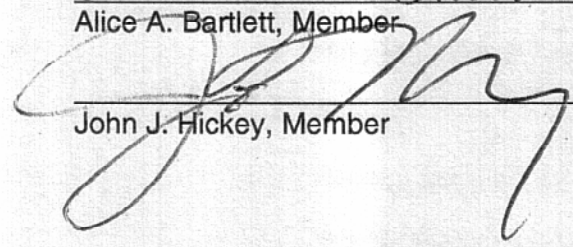
A labor union is also an artificial entity which cannot appear or act in person. Instead, it acts through its agents and representatives. Therefore, in legal matters such as this, a union must act through a licensed attorney. The objection filed by Road Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 669 was not signed by a licensed attorney. Therefore, the objection is not properly before the Commission. Accordingly, the objection is hereby dismissed.

Given at Jefferson City, State of Missouri, this 3rd day of April, 2008.

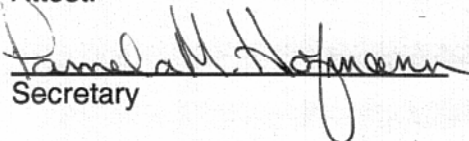
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Attest:


Secretary